attention on Pakistan's role in aiding and abetting terrorism in Kashmir introduced the report into the US Congressional record on June 22, 1994.

(c) Government have consistently maintained that Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India is continuing. Pakistan has been training Kashmiri militants, providing them with arms and financial support and actively assisting them to infiltrate across the LOC into J & K. Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the support being extended by Pakistan to subversion and terrorism directed against India.

(d) Government have intensified surveillance and patrolling along the border/LOC to prevent infiltration. Government remain vigilant about activities detrimental to national security and take all measures to safeguard it.

Indo-Pak relations

174. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various factors responsible for the deteriorating Indo-Pak relations;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve Indo-Pak relations;

(c) if so, the steps taken in that regard during the last six months; and

(d) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Pakistan's continued support to subversion and terrorism against India, its concerted campaign to internationalise Kashmir issue and its hostile propaganda directed against India in violation of the Simla Agreement cause tensions and impede good neighbourly relations between the two countries. The incidents of harassment of Indian diplomats based in Islamabad and Karachi have further vitiated the atmosphere of bilateral relations. The restrictive visa regime for Indian nationals adopted by Pakistan has adversely affected people-to-people contacts between India and Pakistan.

(b) to (d) Government are committed to resolve all differences with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreement.

Pursuant to the Seventh round of India-Pakistan Foreign Secretary level talks at Islamabad from 1-3 January, 1994, Government forwarded to Pakistan on 24 January, 1994 six Non-Papers containing specific and constructive suggestions on Siachen, Sir Creek agreement on maintenance of peace and tranquility along the LOC, Tulbal Navigation Project, additional Confidence Building Measures and India-Pakistan Joint Commission.

On March 21, 1994 Government once again urged Pakistan to consider the Indian proposals with sincerity of purpose as they could form the basis of a comprehensive and meaningful dialogue and suggested that the Eighth Round of Foreign Secretary level talks may be resumed either in New Delhi or in Islamabad. Pakistan's response is awaited.

Indo-Russian Agreement on debt settlement

175. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the important points discussed with Russian Government during